ernment and the steps taken by Central Government to direct the State Government to include this also as one of the terms of reference of the judicial probe?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The State Government of Maharashtra have set up a Commission of Enquiry under the Commission of Enquiry Act, 1952 presided over by Shri Justice B.N. Srikrishna. The terms of reference, *inter-alia*, require the Commission to report on whether any individual or groups of individuals or any other organisation, were responsible for events. Any modification/addition to the terms of reference can be done by the State Government.

Bomb Blast in the Coach of Kashi Vishwanath Express

1064. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a bomb blast took place in the coach of Kashi Vishwanath Express train on 7th January, 1993;

(b) if so, how many persons died and how many sustained injuries;

(c) whether any one has been apprehended for planting the bomb in the coach; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to pay compensation to the relative of those killed/injured in the bomb blast and to ensure safety of the passengers travelling in that train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the report received from the State Government three persons died and twenty-seven were injured.

(c) and (d) So far, no one has been apprehended for planting bomb in the coach. Investigation in continuing.

According to the Ministry of Railways, no compensation is admissible in bomb blast cases under the Railways Act, 1989. To ensure safety of passengers, steps such as strengthening of escorts, increased frisking of luggage and repeated bomb-drill exercises are being undertaken by the State Government.

Smuggling of Arms into the country

1065. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been smuggling of arms into India from Pakistan beyond Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir with a view to promoting a kind of civil war;

(b) if so, since when this process of smuggling of arms from Pakistan has been going on and what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that there was accumulation of smuggled modern arms and they were extensively used in recent riots in Delhi, Gujarat, Bombay, Bhopal and other parts of the country;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(e) what steps Government have so far taken to check the smuggling of arms into the country, their accumulation and use by men who live on this nefarious trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT):

(a) and (b) Govt. is aware that in view of the heightened vigilance of Indo-Pak border in J&K and fencing & flood lighting on International border in Punjab; terrorists and smugglers are trying to explore routes through Rajasthan & Gujarat for smuggling of arms & ammunition in connivance with Pak ISI Agency.

(c) and (d) Govt. have no such reports.

(e) Govt. have initiated all necessary & appropriate steps to check smuggling of arms & ammunition, including strengthening and deployment of para-military forces, their intensified patrolling, issue of sophisticated border surveillance equipments and erection of barbed wire

fencing on vulnerable stretches on Indo-Pak border border in Rajasthan. State Govts. have also been provided due support in their efforts to modernise their police forces to combat terrorism and smuggling of arms & ammunition.

Bangladesh Immigrants in Various Parts of the Country

1066. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal Bangladeshis residing in Delhi and Bombay and since when they have been residing:

(b) what is their total number in the country;

(c) whether it is fact that the illegal Bangladeshis have participated in riots in Delhi, Bombay and other parts of the country;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(e) what steps Government have taken so far to check the illegal immigration of Bangladeshis into the country and send them back from India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) There are a large number of Bangladeshi migrants living illegally in different parts of the country including Delhi and Bombay. It is difficult to estimate their exact number and period of stay as they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population because of ethnic-lingual similarities.

(c) and (d) No such information is available about the participation or otherwiuse of such migrants in the riots in Delhi and Bombay and other parts of the country.

(e) Various measures have been taken/ are being taken to check infiltration of illegal migrants from Bangladesh and to detect and deport them back to Bangladesh. These include intensification of patrolling by the Border Security force, strengthening of its Water Wing, accelerated programme of construction of Border Roads and Fencing, strengthening of the Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (POF/Mobile Task Force (MTF) schemes, issue of Identity Cards to people residing in border areas, Computerisation of visa control system, etc.

Fire in MCD's Zonal Office, Lajpat Nagar

1067. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Causes of fire which took place in MCD's Zonal Head Office at Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi on 2nd February, 1993, destroying a number of secret files pertaining unauthorised constructions as reported in the Indian Express of 5th February, 1993;

(b) whether Government have made an enquiry into the matter;

(c) if so, what are the findings of the enquiry and whether it is a fact that some of the files pertain to unauthorised constructions; if so, the details thereof;

(d) what action has been taken against the officials found responsible and also guilty of corruption charges as mentioned in the press report mentioned above; and

(e) what are the details of unauthorised constructions carried out in the Zonal area during the last two years and what action has been taken before completion of these unauthorised constructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (e) A fire took place on the night of 2nd February, 1993 in the Municipal Corporation's office at Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. The Delhi Police have registered a case under section 436 IPC vide FIR No. 40, dated 3.2.1993, at Police Station Lajpat Nagar.